

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a Terminal Disclaimer are submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$310.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the Terminal Disclaimer. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 97 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 96 of U.S. Patent No. 6,722,981. Applicants are hereby submitting a Terminal Disclaimer as indicated in the Office Action to overcome these rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,722,981. The Terminal Disclaimer also disclaims U.S. Patent No. 6,514,141 and U.S. Patent No. 6,722,982 which are related to the current patent application as a grandfather patent and sister patent, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1 to 97 are now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action requested the Applicants to update the continuity data within the specification. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the continuity data of the Priority Claim and added a Cross-Reference to Related Applications portion of the specification.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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